

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WELCOMES YOU FOR WORSHIP
MARCH 25, 2018**



**REV. DAVID SMITH
MINISTER**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

"Hosanna Filio David (Choral Fugue)"

J. Demessieux

*LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Jerry Brock

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. (Mark 11:1-6)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (Mark 11:7-11)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN (Insert)

"Lord, What a Parade!"

LYONS

*PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.

The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?

Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, our sins are forgiven.

By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May that peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

NT Pg. 565

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

CANTATA (See insert)

“Calvary’s Mountain”
A Cantata for Passiontide
Chancel Choir

John Leavitt

Give Thanks To God

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

G. F. Kauffmann

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give you thanks and praise. Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 88 (Blue Hymnal)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Concerto for 2 violins, Op 3, No 5, RV 519- Allegro”

Vivaldi

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

WELCOME ON THIS PALM SUNDAY! If you would like to be part of a Palm Parade that will take place during the first hymn, please gather in the narthex right outside the sanctuary by 10:10 am.

THIS IS HOLY WEEK! Please take note of the opportunities for worship and fellowship activities on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

<p>MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY</p> <p>Potluck Dinner – 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion – 7 pm</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Walk of Christian Witness Passion scripture readings with organ selections Start time approximately 1:55 pm</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunrise Service – 7 am Potluck Breakfast Following Easter Egg Hunt—9:15 am Nursery—Pre K K—4 <i>Gather in Fellowship Hall</i></p> <p>Easter Worship – 10:15 am Communion Lilies and other Spring Flowers</p>
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WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS. Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory by Jack Hardman in memory of his wife Jean on the anniversary of their 68th wedding anniversary and by Jim and Susan Barengo in memory of their fathers, Harry Barengo and Joe Ruf.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THE CANTATA WITH US TODAY.

THANK YOU TO THE PULS FAMILY FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THAT ASSISTED WITH TODAY'S SERVICE.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Jerry Brock

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH:

SIP N CHAT: Deacons

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Jim & Susan Barengo, Kathy Buckley, Jane Hutchinson, Bonita Smith

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP N CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School

10:15—Worship Service

11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES TO ELAINE MASON AND HER FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER, RONALD L. CADY.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE THE DEVOTIONAL INSERT IN THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. This week's features prayers for each day of Holy Week.

ONE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OUR CHURCH IS OFFERING THIS LENT IS A SCRIPTURAL 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS' WALKING DEVOTION. Each station has associated scriptures and a reflection. There are longer reflections appropriate for adults and a shorter reflection intended for children, although adults will likely be blessed by the simple questions offered for the children. The first station is by the chapel. Each station contains instructions on where to move for the next station. You can do all the stations at one time or break them up over the course of Lent. The posters are ones we distributed to various groups last year to color.

YOUTH WILL BE GOING TO SEE A WRINKLE IN TIME TODAY. Gather at the Marietta movie theater at 1 pm. Bring your ticket and snack money. And then plan to return to church for a conversation about the movie! No regular youth gathering this evening.

THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP ON EASTER SUNDAY. Meetings next month are April 8, 15, 22, 29 from 5-7pm.

YOUTH SUNDAY WILL BE APRIL 15TH.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs.

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 7TH. There are signups downstairs on the big bulletin board for a variety of jobs the day of the event. You can also sign up to provide cookies.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A GROUP TO DISCUSS SPIRITUAL PRACTICES? DO YOU HAVE PRACTICES THAT YOU HAVE FOUND TO BE A BLESSING YOU COULD SHARE WITH OTHERS? Pastor David will be convening a group after Easter to discuss how spiritual practices help us grow. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the big bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance. Pastor David will survey those interested to determine the best meeting time.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: On Friday, April 13th, FPC will once again host a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Neighborhood Jam outreach project. Tickets will go on sale soon, but action can be taken now! E & D is currently collecting items, theme baskets, and certificates for the silent auction. They may be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your donation.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AND SAVE A DOLLAR. You can purchase tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit the 2018 Neighborhood Jam today after church, by the entrance to fellowship hall. Tickets in advance are \$4 and at the door \$5. The dinner (large plate of spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage) and silent auction will be held Friday, April 13th in fellowship hall from 5-7pm.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU SELL 10 OR MORE TICKETS to the April 13th Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fund raiser for the Neighborhood Jam, you will receive a prize? Let Heather Warner or the office know if you are willing to help sell tickets. So, get busy and help bring in the community by selling them a ticket. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Tickets will also be available after church on March 25th and April 8th.

PAPER BAGS NEEDED! The multiple long weekends away from school have greatly depleted GoPacks' paper bag supply! Donations of gently used paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the red bin in the Donation Station. Thank you.

GOPACKS TOP CHEF CHALLENGE - On Friday, April 27th GoPacks will be hosting the GoPacks Top Chef Challenge at the Marietta Shrine Club to raise funds to continue and expand their program in the 2018-19 school year. During the event, three local chefs will create original recipes, on stage, that must include items that are sent home in GoPacks! The event will also include a catered dinner and culinary themed silent & live auctions. For tickets, see Heather Warner; prices are \$30 per person, \$50 a couple, and \$200 for a table of eight.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are available in the next few months are July 8, August 5 and August 26.

THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE PRAYER LIST are drawn from the church database. If you want yours listed, please provide that information to Karen. For privacy reasons the church will not accept birthdays and anniversaries from third parties.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine. Open dates are April 22 and 29.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is \$29.34 per communicant member. This covers our share of administrative costs and mission for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. Members are invited to make a contribution for this to help insure the success of the budget. The church's assessment is more than \$7000 annually. An envelope for the Per Capita is available in your offering envelope box, or simply make a check payable to the church with "Per Capita" on the memo line.

THERE WILL BE CARDS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS TO SIGN ON APRIL 8 AND APRIL 15. Look for the table outside fellowship hall. Thank you to the deacons for sending these cards in the spring and fall to encourage our students in their studies.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
March 25 – April 1**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – PresbyPraise
9:15 – Youth/Child SS
10:15 – Worship
11:45 – Glorify!
1:00 – Youth Group:
A Wrinkle in Time
2:00 – Girl Scouts

Monday

Tuesday

11:30 – Community Meal
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
6:00 – Worship and Music
7:00 – Mission
7:00 – AA District Mtg.

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:00 – Empty Bowls Mtg.
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Maundy Thursday

6:00 – Potluck
7:00 – Worship
7:00 – AA

Friday

12:00 – Walk of
Christian Witness
1:55 – Service at First Pres
(time is approximate)

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday – Easter Sunday

7:00 Sunrise Service
9:15 Easter Egg Hunt
10:15 Regular Worship
Scripture – Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8
Sermon – “Entry into
New Life”